

Topical Heading

Rehabilitation

Program Title

Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants

Also Known as

State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.126A

Administering Office

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Who May Apply (specifically)

State vocational rehabilitation (VR) agencies may apply.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Formula Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004 \$2,553,362,000

Fiscal Year 2005 \$2,603,845,000

Fiscal Year 2006 \$2,687,168,000

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information*Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.*

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 80

Range of New Awards: \$891,016–\$259,965,509

Note: In 24 states, awards are made to both the state agency for the blind and the state general agency; in the other 32 states and territories, funds are distributed to a combined agency only.

Legislative Citation*Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, as amended, Title I, Parts A and B, Sec. 100–111; 29 *U.S.C.* 720–31.**Program Regulations**34 *CFR* 361**Program Description**

This program provides grants to states to support a wide range of services designed to help individuals with disabilities prepare for and engage in gainful employment consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice. Eligible individuals are those who have a physical or mental impairment that results in a substantial impediment to employment, who can benefit from vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for employment, and who require VR services. Priority must be given to serving individuals with the most significant disabilities if a state is unable to serve all eligible individuals.

Types of Projects

Funds are distributed to states and territories based on a formula that takes into account population and *per capita* income to cover the cost of direct services and program administration. Grant funds are administered under an approved state plan by VR agencies designated by each state. The state-matching requirement is 21.3 percent; however, the state share is 50 percent for the cost of construction of a facility for community rehabilitation program purposes.

Education Level (by category)

Adult

Education Level (specifically)

Young Adult

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